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PART II. POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Section 3. Political and Security Council affairs

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SECTION 3. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW

TABLE 3.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
14 986.1	129.2	0.8	280.4	1.8	15 395.7	881.2	5.7	16 276.9

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
15 115.3	280.4	-	28.6	309.0	2.0%

Table 3.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for the Promotion of Peace	9.5	8.0
Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications	75.0	85.0
Total (b)	84.5	93.0
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	84.5	93.0

Total, direct costs	16 369.9

TABLE 3.2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1990-1991 RESOURCE BASE (AT REVISED 1991 RATE)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1990-1991 appropriation (1)	Non-recurrent 1990-1991 items (2)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Established posts (3)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Other objects of expenditure (4)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Established posts (5)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Other objects of expenditure (6)	Additional requirements: Special adjustments (7)	Additional requirements: Total (8)	Net additional requirements (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base (10) (1)+(9)
A. Policy-making organs	990.5	-	-	-	-	26.2	-	26.2	26.2	1 016.7
B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	13 995.6	546.5	-	-	633.2	16.3	-	649.5	103.0	14 098.6
Total	14 986.1	546.5	-	-	633.2	42.5	-	675.7	129.2	15 115.3

TABLE 3.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				
A. Policy-making organs	990.5	26.2	(99.0)	917.7	75.7	993.4	(9.7)
B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	13 995.6	103.0	379.4	14 478.0	805.5	15 283.5	2.8
Total	14 986.1	129.2	280.4	15 395.7	881.2	16 276.9	2.0

TABLE 3.4. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Department of Political and Security Council Affairs

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
D-1	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
P-5	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	12
P-4	17	18	-	-	-	-	17	18
P-3	11	10	-	-	-	-	11	10
P-2/1	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	57	57	-	-	-	-	57	57
General Service category								
Principal level	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Other levels	26	27	-	-	-	-	26	27
Total	30	31	-	-	-	-	30	31
Grand total	87	88	-	-	-	-	87	88

3.1 The Department of Political and Security Council Affairs was established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 12 (I) of 13 February 1946 to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of his political responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations. The Department's work relates to programmes 2 (Political and Security Council affairs), 6 (Elimination of apartheid) and 8 (Peaceful uses of outer space) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, although provision for activities related to programme 6 are made separately under section 7 of the proposed programme budget.

3.2 The primary function of the Department under this section is to provide substantive services to intergovernmental bodies, including the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as well as the subsidiary machinery of these bodies. In addition to these basic servicing functions, the activities of the Department derive from a number of specific intergovernmental mandates as outlined in the medium-term plan, for the period 1992-1997.

3.3 Over the years, the Security Council has played an effective role in the prevention, containment and resolution of conflicts and the promotion of international peace and security. The importance of the Council's role has been underlined by recent developments and it is anticipated that, during 1992-1993, it will be called upon to respond to continuing crises as well as others which may emerge. The importance of providing adequate services to the Council in this work is quite clear. The Department will also pursue mandated activities in other political areas, including promotion of peace, zones of peace and maintenance of outer space for peaceful purposes as an essential condition for the promotion of international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space.

3.4 Provision is also made under this section for certain direct costs of the policy-making organs for the servicing of which the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs is principally responsible under programmes 2 and 8 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, namely printing costs related to the Official Records of the Security Council and travel of staff to service the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

3.5 The estimated percentage distribution of the resources of the Department in 1992-1993 under section 3 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	6.1	-
B.	Department of Political and Security Council Affairs:		
	1. Executive direction and management (including departmental administration)	13.1	-
	2. Programme of work	80.8	100.0
	Total	100.0	100.0

3.6 The programme of work under this section includes two subprogrammes related to programme 2 of the medium-term plan (subprogrammes 1 and 2 below) and one related to programme 8 (subprogramme 3). As programme 8 had only one subprogramme, no priority designation was made, although it was indicated that adequate servicing of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary machinery would have first claim on the resources devoted to the programme. The estimated distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.*	Security Council and political committees activities	50.8	-
Subprogramme 2.	Service for political and security affairs	26.3	8.6
Subprogramme 3.	Peaceful uses of outer space	22.9	91.4
	Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

A. Policy-making organs

TABLE 3.5. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
990.5	26.2	2.6	(99.0)	(9.9)	917.7	75.7	8.2	993.4

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
1 016.7	(99.0)	-	-	(99.0)	(9.7)%

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-

Total, direct costs	993.4

1. Security Council, its committees and commissions

TABLE 3.6. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
External printing and binding	961.2	25.3	(99.0)	887.5	73.2	960.7
Total	961.2	25.3	(99.0)	887.5	73.2	960.7

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	960.7

3.7 The Security Council, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, was established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations and is charged with the primary responsibility for maintenance of world peace and international security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, the Council is so organized as to be able to function continuously. The Council is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

External printing and binding

3.8 A provision of $887,500 is requested for external printing requirements in respect of issuance of the Official Records of the Security Council and reports of its subsidiary organs in the six official languages of the United Nations. The requested provision, involving negative growth of $99,000, reflects the projected volume of material processed for printing as well as enhanced internal electronic typesetting capacity, which should enable the internal production of the English, French and Spanish versions of a number of documents.

2. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

TABLE 3.7. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Travel of staff	29.3	0.9	-	30.2	2.5	32.7
Total	29.3	0.9	-	30.2	2.5	32.7

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	32.7

3.9 The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 1472 (XIV) of 18 December 1959 to review, as appropriate, the area of international cooperation and to study practical and feasible means to give effect to programmes involving the peaceful uses of outer space, including practical applications of space technology, that could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices, and the nature of legal problems that may arise from the exploration of outer space.

3.10 In the discharge of its mandate, as supplemented by subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly, the Committee has established a Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and a Legal Subcommittee, as well as various working groups. Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is shared by the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs as regards the Committee and its scientific and technical subsidiary bodies, which meet regularly at Headquarters, and the Office of Legal Affairs as regards the Legal Subcommittee, which meets each year, the venue alternating between Headquarters and Geneva.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

3.11 Based on past performance, a provision of $30,200, at the revalued resource base level, is requested for travel of staff to the Geneva session of the Legal Subcommittee and to related inter-agency and technical meetings.

B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs

TABLE 3.8. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
13 995.6	103.0	0.7	379.4	2.7	14 478.0	805.5	5.5	15 283.5

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
14 098.6	379.4	-	28.6	408.0	2.8%

Table 3.8 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for the Promotion of Peace	9.5	8.0
Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications	75.0	85.0
Total (b)	84.5	93.0
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	84.5	93.0

Total, direct costs	15 376.5

TABLE 3.9. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	9 291.6	455.9	61.4	9 808.9	528.6	10 337.5
General temporary assistance	297.6	(270.5)	18.0	45.1	3.1	48.2
Consultants	27.8	(13.1)	16.0	30.7	2.5	33.2
Overtime and night differential	46.6	(12.1)	7.2	41.7	3.4	45.1
Common staff costs	3 573.0	177.3	23.6	3 773.9	204.8	3 978.7
Representation allowances	10.4	-	-	10.4	-	10.4
Travel of participants	70.2	(70.2)	-	-	-	-
Travel of staff	215.5	(74.7)	21.0	161.8	13.1	174.9
External printing and binding	0.7	-	12.0	12.7	1.3	14.0
Rental and maintenance of equipment	38.0	1.0	45.8	84.8	7.0	91.8
Communications	23.0	0.6	12.8	36.4	2.9	39.3
Official functions	2.1	-	-	2.1	0.2	2.3
Miscellaneous services	30.1	(30.1)	-	-	-	-
Supplies and materials	25.5	(25.5)	19.0	19.0	1.6	20.6
Furniture and equipment	66.6	(42.8)	107.1	130.9	10.7	141.6
Fellowships	276.9	7.2	35.5	319.6	26.3	345.9
Total	13 995.6	103.0	379.4	14 478.0	805.5	15 283.5

1. Executive direction and management: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs

TABLE 3.10. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	1 108.0	53.8	-	1 161.8	67.6	1 229.4
General temporary assistance	26.1	1.0	18.0	45.1	3.1	48.2
Overtime and night differential	33.2	1.3	7.2	41.7	3.4	45.1
Common staff costs	426.6	20.8	-	447.4	26.1	473.5
Representation allowances	8.0	-	-	8.0	-	8.0
Travel of staff	29.8	1.0	3.0	33.8	2.7	36.5
External printing and binding	0.7	-	-	0.7	-	0.7
Rental and maintenance of equipment	18.4	0.4	66.0	84.8	7.0	91.8
Communications	23.0	0.6	12.8	36.4	2.9	39.3
Official functions	2.1	-	-	2.1	0.2	2.3
Supplies and materials	6.0	(6.0)	19.0	19.0	1.6	20.6
Furniture and equipment	35.9	(18.9)	113.9	130.9	10.7	141.6
Total	1 717.8	54.0	239.9	2 011.7	125.3	2 137.0

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	2 137.0

TABLE 3.11. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total	
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources			
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other levels	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Grand total	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11

3.12 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department in the implementation of its legislative mandates and its approved work programme, including those activities related to programme 6 of the medium-term plan for which provision is made under section 7 of the proposed programme budget. In addition, the Office assists the Secretary-General in the discharge of his political responsibilities; provides assistance and advice to presiding officers and delegates in connection with the work of the bodies serviced by the Department; liaises with regional organizations and follows-up on their activities as they relate to the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with Article 54 of the Charter; represents the Secretary-General or the Department at the executive level in relation to United Nations bodies and other organizations; and provides financial, personnel and general administrative services for the Department as a whole. Provisions for general temporary assistance, overtime, communications and office automation equipment for the Department under this section are centralized under the Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

General temporary assistance

3.13 The resources under this heading ($45,100) relate to temporary replacement of staff on maternity or extended sick leave, and to coverage for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, the Security Council and Political Committees Division, the Political Affairs Division and the Outer Space Affairs Division during peak periods. The proposed growth ($18,000) relates to increased requirements of the Outer Space Affairs Division in connection with seminars and advisory and information services, particularly in the context of the International Space Year (1992).

Overtime and night differential

3.14 The proposed provision $41,700 relates to overtime needs of the Department arising from servicing of the Security Council and other intergovernmental bodies and preparatory work in connection with conferences and seminars. This proposed growth for this item ($7,200) relates to the increased activity of the Council.

Travel of staff

3.15 The proposed provision of $33,800 relates to travel by the Under-Secretary-General to represent the Secretary-General or the Department at the executive level at important official meetings and conferences; and to travel by the Under-Secretary-General or members of his office to present the position of the United Nations through appropriate statements at meetings, seminars or other events. Modest growth ($3,000) is proposed based on past experience of related requirements.

External printing and binding

3.16 Requirements of $700, involving no growth, are estimated for the printing cost of stationery items for the Under-Secretary-General.

Rental and maintenance of equipment

3.17 The estimated requirements under this heading ($84,800) reflect standard rates for maintenance requirements for the existing inventory of office automation equipment in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, the Security Council and Political Committees Division, the Political Affairs Division and the Outer Space Affairs Division and of equipment proposed for acquisition during the biennium. It is proposed to centralize this provision under the Office of the Under-Secretary-General so that, including a redeployment of $20,200, estimated requirements show growth of $66,000.

Communications

3.18 Estimated requirements of $36,400, including growth of $12,800, relate to long-distance telephone and facsimile communications costs in respect of the activities of the Department for which provision is made under this section. The requested growth reflects the experience of increased usage during the current biennium.

Supplies and materials

3.19 Estimated requirements of $19,000, all of which is growth, relate to supplies needed for office automation equipment ($18,200) for which provision was not made in the past and a further provision of $800 for acquisition of microfiche for the departmental reference collection.

Furniture and equipment

3.20 Estimated requirements of $130,900, including growth of $107,100 and redeployment of $6,800 from subprogramme 1, relate to acquisition of a facsimile machine ($3,000) for the Outer Space Affairs Division to facilitate their work, especially in organizing training activities and to acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment. In addition to provision at standard rates for replacement of office automation equipment under the globally administered programme, the provision would allow for acquisition of two optical scanners for the Department and 15 new personal computers and related furniture and equipment, 1 for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, 5 for the Political Affairs Division, 7 for the Security Council and Political Committees Division and 2 for the Outer Space Affairs Division.

2. Programme of work

(a) Political and Security Council affairs

(i) Security Council and political committees activities

TABLE 3.12. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	4 311.2	208.3	38.2	4 557.7	247.5	4 805.2
General temporary assistance	271.5	(271.5)	-	-	-	-
Consultants	13.5	(13.5)	-	-	-	-
Overtime and night differential	13.4	(13.4)	-	-	-	-
Temporary posts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common staff costs	1 656.1	81.2	14.6	1 751.9	95.2	1 847.1
Representation allowances	1.2	-	-	1.2	-	1.2
Travel of participants	70.2	(70.2)	-	-	-	-
Travel of staff	86.5	(78.7)	8.5	16.3	1.2	17.5
External printing and binding	-	-	12.0	12.0	1.3	13.3
Rental and maintenance of equipment	19.6	0.6	(20.2)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous services	30.1	(30.1)	-	-	-	-
Supplies and materials	19.5	(19.5)	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	30.7	(23.9)	(6.8)	-	-	-
Total	6 523.5	(230.7)	46.3	6 339.1	345.2	6 684.3

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	6 684.3

TABLE 3.13. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Security Council and Political Committees Division

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-5	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-4	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	26	26	-	-	-	-	26	26
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other levels	11	12	-	-	-	-	11	12
Total	13	14	-	-	-	-	13	14
Grand total	39	40	-	-	-	-	39	40

Subprogramme 1. Security Council and political committees activities*

3.21 The subprogramme will ensure that adequate and effective substantive services are provided to the policy-making organs of the United Nations dealing with matters related to the maintenance of international peace and security brought before the Organization. By their very nature, the issues coming before these organs, and in particular the Security Council, tend to be of a complex, politically sensitive and urgent nature and their timing unpredictable.

3.22 By Article 24 of the Charter, primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security is conferred on the Security Council. Article 28 of the Charter mandates that the Security Council shall be so organized as to be able to function continuously. Articles 10 and 11 also set out responsibilities in this area for the General Assembly, which discharges them, inter alia, through its First and Special Political Committees.

3.23 The involvement of the Security Council in the resolution of global conflicts, whose manifestation in regional problems has occupied the Council from the outset, is one of its most important contributions to the maintenance of peace and has provided the appropriate frame of reference for control of intractable conflicts by stages in terms susceptible of eventual negotiated settlement. Those, and other efforts undertaken in response to resolutions and decisions of the Security Council and the General Assembly, require that the Secretary-General be provided with effective and timely substantive support, all the more so in the light of the recently accelerating pace of change in international affairs.

3.24 The Security Council and Political Committees Division, which is responsible for this subprogramme, must be ready to provide staff for missions of the Security Council and other organs at short notice.

Activities:

1. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: Reports of the Secretary-General concerning peace-keeping operations, as required by decision of the General Assembly; reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as required (approximately two reports, 1992 and 1993); reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council or the General Assembly in pursuance of legislative decisions, as required.

(b) Substantive services: The substantive services provided to the various organs described below include the preparation of a large number of analytical papers, procedural briefs, working papers and draft reports to the parent body concerned, as required, as well as extensive consultations:

(i) Security Council: meets all year around, with formal meetings and consultations of the Council as a whole, as required, the frequency of meetings and consultations being determined by the Council itself;*

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* High priority.

(ii) Subsidiary bodies of the Security Council, including the Committee on the Admission of New Members; the Security Council Committee of Experts; the Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters; the Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) concerning the question of South Africa; the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; the Security Council Commission established under resolution 446 (1979) to examine the situation relating to settlements in Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem; the Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting, and the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 507 (1982) (meetings of these bodies are held as required);*

(iii) Military Staff Committee: established under Article 47 of the Charter (normally meets once every fortnight);

(iv) First Committee and Special Political Committee of the General Assembly (second half 1992-1993);

(v) Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (meets as required); and its Working Group (meets as required at the request of the Special Committee);

(vi) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East whose mandate is renewed annually by the General Assembly (meets as required, generally at least three meetings a year);

(vii) United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine: (meets as required, informal consultations);

(viii) Ad Hoc Committee for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to Palestine Refugees (one annual meeting).

2. Published material

Recurrent publications: Preparation of studies for the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council (10th Supplement covering the period 1985-1988) (1993); preparation of studies for Supplement No. 6 of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs regarding the application of 44 Articles of the Charter covering the period 1979-1984 (1993); political chapters for the Yearbook of the United Nations (1992 and 1993).

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

3.25 It is proposed to establish a new General Service (other level) post to strengthen secretarial support for the office of the Director of the Security Council and Political Committees Division in light of the expanding workload of the Division.

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* High priority.

Travel of staff

3.26 Estimated requirements of $16,300, including growth of $8,500, relate to participation by the Division in meetings away from Headquarters where the outcome has a direct bearing on the functioning of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the subsidiary bodies served.

External printing and binding

3.27 Estimated requirements of $12,000, all growth, relate to publication of the Supplement for 1985-1988 of the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council, which is expected in 1993.

Rental, maintenance, acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment

3.28 It is proposed to centralize these provisions under the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, so a resource base of $27,000 would be redeployed accordingly.

(ii) Services for political and security affairs

TABLE 3.14. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth			
Established posts	2 244.4	112.6	-	2 357.0	122.5	2 479.5
Common staff costs	863.8	43.8	-	907.6	47.8	955.4
Representation allowances	1.2	-	-	1.2	-	1.2
Travel of staff	13.4	0.4	-	13.8	1.2	15.0
Total	3 122.8	156.8	-	3 279.6	171.5	3 451.1

Table 3.14 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for the Promotion of Peace	9.5	8.0
Total (b)	9.5	8.0
(c) Operational projects		
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	9.5	8.0
Total		3 459.1

TABLE 3.15. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Political Affairs Division

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-3	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	15	15	-	-	-	-	15	15
General Service category								
Other levels	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Grand total	21	21	-	-	-	-	21	21

Subprogramme 2. Services for political and security affairs

3.29 With the advent of a new emerging global situation and an enhanced role for the Organization in the management of international relations, this subprogramme will provide support for the efforts of the Security Council and other intergovernmental bodies concerned and for those of the Secretary-General through the provision of pertinent information, advice, analysis of political and security issues, and effective substantive support that could contribute to overall efforts to enhance the prospects for international peace and security.

3.30 Within the overall objective of the programme, the Political Affairs Division, which is responsible for this subprogramme, will aim to maintain an overview of bilateral, regional and international developments; identify potential sources of crisis and means of management; encourage negotiated settlement of differences; and ensure effective implementation of intergovernmental decisions in the areas of international and regional security, peace and research, and the promotion of peace.

Activities:

1. International cooperation

(a) Preparation of approximately 75 to 80 background papers, analyses and assessments annually with a focus on longer-range and security issues and on international developments relevant to responsibilities of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security and on regional security, cooperation and zones of peace for the use of the Secretary-General and other senior Secretariat officials to assist them in carrying out the role of the Secretary-General under Article 99 of the Charter and his role in the pacific settlement of disputes. Areas covered include the identification of areas of potential tension, the evaluation of positions and situations, and the suggestion of options and approaches to a settlement in which the United Nations and the Secretary-General might be involved;

(b) Preparation of approximately 15 analytical studies and periodic assessments annually on political and security aspects of developments related to regional security and zones of peace for the Secretary-General and other Secretariat officials, including the collection and analyses of views of Member States on problems concerning peace and security;

(c) Undertaking and coordinating approximately two studies and projects in peace research and for the promotion of peace annually, including preparing analytical and background material on the subject-matter.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on issues of international peace and security (approximately three reports annually); reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the promotion of peace (approximately one report annually); reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on issues of regional security, cooperation and zones of peace (approximately three reports annually).

(b) Substantive services: the substantive services provided to the organs described below include the preparation of procedural briefs, working papers and draft reports to the parent body concerned, as required, as well as extensive consultations:

(i) Annual sessions of the First Committee of the General Assembly as they relate to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, the question of Antarctica and the international security items dealt with in the First Committee;

(ii) At least two sessions annually of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean and of its Working Group, as required;

(iii) Preparation for and substantive servicing of the Conference on the Indian Ocean should it be decided to hold the conference during 1992-1993.

3. Information materials and services

(a) Booklets, pamphlets and fact sheets: preparation of various information materials related to peace issues, including a periodic newsletter (1992 and 1993);

(b) Special events: preparation, coordination and evaluation of the world-wide annual observance of the International Day of Peace and the International Week of Science and Peace; maintenance of a calendar of special events related to the promotion of peace (1992 and 1993).

4. Operational activities

Advisory services: advisory services and assistance to non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and organizations of the United Nations system on the promotion of peace and on the implementation of the guidelines for the promotion of peace in the spirit of the International Year of Peace.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Travel of staff

3.31 Requirements of $13,800, at the revalued resource base level are estimated for travel of senior staff during the biennium.

(b) Peaceful uses of outer space

TABLE 3.16. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	1 628.0	81.2	23.2	1 732.4	91.0	1 823.4
Consultants	14.3	0.4	16.0	30.7	2.5	33.2
Temporary posts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common staff costs	626.5	31.5	9.0	667.0	35.7	702.7
Travel of staff	85.8	2.6	9.5	97.9	8.0	105.9
Fellowships	276.9	7.2	35.5	319.6	26.3	345.9
Total	2 631.5	122.9	93.2	2 847.6	163.5	3 011.1

Table 3.16 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications	75.0	85.0
Total (b)	75.0	85.0
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	75.0	85.0
Total		3 096.1

TABLE 3.17. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Outer Space Affairs Division

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total	
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources			
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	3
P-3	4	3	-	-	-	-	4	3
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
General Service category								
Other levels	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Grand total	16	16	-	-	-	-	16	16

3.32 Since the establishment of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1959, progress in space technology has been rapid, and the scope and importance of space applications have increased steadily, from a narrow field of science and technology to applications that are essential to national and international programmes in communications, weather forecasting, resource management, environmental monitoring and other aspects of social and economic life in most countries of the world. This growth is expected to continue, especially in areas of communications and resource management. Particular concern is now being expressed over the need to monitor and protect the space and Earth environment, and United Nations space-related activities will need to respond to increasing demands for information and assistance in this area. As an indication of this concern, the General Assembly has endorsed the designation of 1992 as International Space Year, which will focus on the global environment, and called for the training and educational capabilities of the Programme on Space Applications to be used to provide a meaningful role for the United Nations in the Year, utilizing extrabudgetary resources.

3.33 The expansion of space activities raises important new political, legal, scientific and technical issues. Given the increasing economic importance of space technology, international cooperation and exchange of information are essential for the effective use of the new technologies and to ensure productive cooperation. With the rapid advance of space technology, concerted efforts are particularly needed to disseminate information and transfer technology to developing countries so that they can benefit from scientific and technical advances in this area to meet their developmental needs.

3.34 During the biennium 1992-1993, the Outer Space Affairs Division, which is responsible for activities under this subprogramme, will aim to meet these challenges through activities mandated by the General Assembly, by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and by the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as they relate to the priority issues indicated in section 8 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as well as other issues and follow-up activities which may develop during the biennium.

Activities:

1. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: reports of seminars, training courses and workshops to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (six to eight annually); preparation of analytical reports, studies and evaluations of United Nations and other international and regional space-related programmes with suggestions for international cooperative actions to improve these programmes, for consideration by the Committee (four to six annually);

(b) Substantive services: substantive servicing of three or four sessions each year of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, and its subsidiary bodies.*

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* High priority.

2. Published material

(a) Recurrent publications: preparation of technical studies of new developments in space technology and their economic and social applications, as mandated by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, for distribution to Member States and international organizations (four to six annually); monthly survey of Selected Events in the Peaceful Exploration of Outer Space; Directory of Fellowships for Education and Training (two or three annually); Directory of Experts (two or three annually); Directory of Information Systems on Space Science and Technology (two or three annually); sales publication - Seminars of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (one annually); chapter on the peaceful uses of outer space for the Yearbook of the United Nations (one annually); national reports and reports of international organizations (twenty to thirty reports annually).

(b) Non-recurrent publications: Update of Space Activities of the United Nations and International Organizations: A review of the activities and resources of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies and of other competent international bodies relating to the peaceful uses of outer space (first and second half 1992); publications, displays and education materials for distribution as part of International Space Year (1992) (four to six in 1992);

(c) Technical material: maintenance of a public register of information furnished in accordance with article IV of the Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space and dissemination of such information to Member States in the A/AC.105/INF and ST/SG/SER.E series of documents (approximately 30 circulars annually); operation of the International Space Information Service for the benefit of Member States and all specialized agencies; information, reference and other library services to Member States, United Nations offices and other organizations through the specialized Outer Space Affairs Reference Centre providing outer space-related scientific, technical, legal information, upon request (1992 and 1993).**

3. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services: provision of technical advisory services to Member States on satellite communications, remote sensing, basic space science and satellite meteorology to substantiate national and regional programmes and projects in these fields, upon request, as mandated (1992 and 1993);

(b) Group training: five or six seminars and meetings of experts each year in various regions of the world for participants from developing countries on selected topics of space science and technology and its applications;* training courses and workshops for participants from developing countries on selected topics dealing with space science and technology applications, communications, satellite meteorology and remote sensing (two to three training courses and workshops annually);* administration of ninety long-term international fellowships in the field of space science and technology offered by Member States (1992 and 1993).

** Low priority.

* High priority.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) The Outer Space Affairs Division serves as the secretariat of the annual Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities which coordinates the space-related activities of the organizations of the United Nations system which have become active in promoting co-operation and development in applications of space technology within their specific areas of responsibility and prepares the annual report of the Inter-Agency Meeting to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(b) The Inter-Agency Meeting ensures that there is no conflict between the space-related activities of the organizations of the United Nations system, and, where possible, organizes joint activities that serve the requirements of two or more bodies. The Outer Space Affairs Division prepares reports to the Advisory Committee on Co-ordination on the coordination of outer space activities within the United Nations system: programmes of work for 1992 and 1993 and future years and 1993 and 1994 and future years (two annual reports);

(c) The Outer Space Affairs Division will cooperate with organizations of the United Nations system, national space agencies and international space-related governmental and non-governmental organizations in organizing a number of events, including several to be held during 1992, on the theme of the International Space Year - "Mission to Planet Earth", including conferences and meetings; projects dealing with the applications of space science and technology: the management of the earth and coastal/marine environments; education and information activities; the establishment of Centres for Space Science and Technology Education; and collection and distribution of literature on space science and technology. Additional activities may be added by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the General Assembly at their sessions in 1991 (1992 and 1993);

(d) Liaison and representation functions with organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with space activities, including attendance at meetings, conferences and symposia organized by these bodies.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

3.35 It is proposed to reclassify a P-3 post in the Outer Space Affairs Division from the P-3 to the P-4 level to reflect the increasing volume and complexity of the mandated workload of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to the servicing of which the incumbent of the post contributes.

Consultants

3.36 Requirements for consultancy services are estimated at $30,700, including growth of $16,000. These requirements relate to the preparation of scientific and technical studies on such topics as remote sensing, technical parameters and attributes of the geostationary orbit, technical, social and economic implications of space transportation systems, the use of nuclear power sources in outer space and the question of space debris, in accordance with specific instructions given at each session of the Committtee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and subsidiary

bodies. Limited use of consultancy services are also required in connection with organization of the training programmes under the Programme on Space Applications.

Travel of staff

3.37 Requirements are estimated at $97,900, including growth of $9,500. These requirements relate to participation of the Expert on Space Applications and staff of the Division in organization of activities under the Programme on Space Applications; provision of technical advisory services; coordination of activities with the United Nations system and with other organizations; attendance of staff of the Division at meetings of the Legal Sub-Committee in Geneva and at inter-agency meetings and meetings of international scientific organizations.

Fellowships

3.38 Estimated requirements of $319,600, including growth of $35,500, relates to implementation of training activities under the Programme on Space Applications. These resources are supplemented modestly by allocations from the Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications and, more significantly, by co-operating Governments and organizations.